Educational Center

A vital 4-H component

By LAURIE COWAN

For nearly four decades thousands of children and adults have been using Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center for camps, workshops, picnics, and conferences. All these experiences have enriched and added something to each of their lives. It has represented a return to the basic values of work and fun, and of friendships and community.

The 4-H Educational Center is located 15 miles from historic Appomattox on the west shore of the 145-acre Holiday Lake in the Buckingham-Appomattox State Park. The 4-H Educational Center is under the direction of the Cooperative Extension Service, Virginia Polytechnic Institution and State University.

The Educational Center began in the late 1930's when some people completed the plans for creating a lake and special camp. Since then it has grown in size. By the 1970's 4-H Camp had become the highlight of many children's summer.

The number of groups and people attending have all grown due to the opportunities it provides. Not only are children using the Educational Center, but also adults, for special training sessions, week-long schools, retreats, and social functions.

Due to the success of the Educational Center and increased use, expansion and improvement are in the near future. One of the main goals is to provide year-round use, since it is only used 10 out of 52 weeks. Another goal is to provide room for more people at the Center.

The first additions and improvements to be made will be construction of a swimming pool, lodge for 30 persons, and a meeting facility for 400. Also winterization of the dining hall and two bunkhouses are in the future plans.

Many people are asking, "When will these improvements begin?" Well, the beginning has already come with the road improvements on the access routes leading to the Educational Center.

At present, the major facilities available are a dining hall seating 250, a recreation pavilion, a covered ampitheater for 300, cabin facilities for boys and girls, a bunkhouse, and a host of others. Numerous sports areas are available such as a softball field, basketball facilities, volleyball facilities, tennis courts, and a swimming area.

At this time the 4-H

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The 4-H All Star story

To be tapped into the Virginia 4-H All Stars Chapter is one of the highest honors that can be bestowed upon a 4-H member. Only the 4-H'ers who have contributed greatly to the 4-H program take part in the solemn consecration ceremony of the Virginia 4-H All Stars at State 4-H Congress in Blacksburg, Virginia each year.

All Star members are tapped in between the ages of fifteen and nineteen and then they may remain members for a lifetime. The All Stars' objective is to encourage service through both individual and cooperative efforts. Their motto is "Service." All Stars work diligently in Virginia providing service to communities and the 4-H program. All Stars sponsor the 4-H Public Speaking Contest and assist each year with State 4-H Congress.

All Stars participate on county, district, state and interstate levels. Each level consists of officers, who are Big Chief, Scribe, Scout, and Medicine Man. The All Stars work through committees to provide services to Virginia. They also participate in a Summer Weekend Conference following State 4-H Congress and a midwinter conference. Districts also have summer weekend events.

The younger 4-H'ers of today will be the 4-H All Stars of tommorrow through their achievements and leadership in 4-H. The4-H All Stars are constantly challenged to help "Make the 4-H Best Better" through All Star "Service."

Those 4-H All Stars from Appomattox -- we wish to salute you and your services to the 4-H program.

Following is the list of 4-H All Stars and the years in which they were tapped:

NAME	YEAR TAPPED
Mrs. Louise S. Mendel	1923
Mrs. Bessie (Gunter) O'Brien	1924
Mrs. CHristine (Garrett) McKenzie	1924
Eugene W. Carson	1925
Robert P. Shirey, Sr.	1925
Richard C. Harvey	1925
Mrs. Marjorie (Martin) Moore	1925
Joe O'Brien	1926
Horace Shirey	1927
Mrs. Christine (Martin) Moore	1927
Mrs. Eleanor (Harwood) Caudel	1927
Edith O'Brien	1928
Lillian O'Brien	1928
Mrs. Venice (Hamilton) Lucado	1928
Carey Carson	1930
Mrs. Gladys (Ranson) Anderson	1930
Mrs. Eunice (McNalley) Caldwell	1931
Samuel Ford	1931
Mrs. Emma Ranson	1932
Mrs. Alice (Garrett) Moore	1937
Elvin Caldwell	1938
Mrs. Helen (Martin) Bussey	1940
Joe Ferrell	1940
Mrs. Barbara (Caldwell) Jordan	1941
Roy Moon	1941
Garland B. Garrette	1943
Thomas Harvey, Jr.	1944
Marvin A. Glover, Jr.	1945
Mrs. Jeanne (Cheatham) Stanley	1946
Lawrence Stewart, Jr.	1946
Mrs. Elizabeth Ann (Mundy) Watts	1947
Harold Hatcher	1947
Dan Carson	1950
Mrs. Joyce (McCormick) Vaughan	1951
Riley Jay Stewart	1951
Mrs. Celia Jo (Coleman) Young	1952
Mrs. Patricia (Alvis) Ahrens	1953
William D. Carson	1954
Mrs. Betty Jean (Goad) Holbrook	1954
Dr. Eugene W. Carson, Jr.	1955
Mrs. Laura (Carson) McClenny	1957
Mrs. Winifred (Lee) Agee	1958
W. Percy Lucado, Jr.	1958
Mrs. Anne (Martin) Robinson	1959
Lina Trent	1964
Herbert Carrington Pulliam, Jr.	1964
Mrs. Joan (Lucado)) Holt	1964
Norman Hunter Jones, Jr.	1965
Mrs. Frances (Reeves) Hellmuth	1965
Richard Lee Martin	1965
James Leon Burcher	1966

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Sewing is fun for 4-Hers

During the summer of 1980 forty 4-H'ers participated in sewing classes. In the classes 4-H'ers constructed a garment, listened to sewing demonstrations, toured Courtland Manufacturing Plant, and learned various sewing skills.

The culminating activity was the County Fashion Revue, in which there were 35 participants. Shown above are the winners of the junior group. First place, Betsy Wingfield; second place, Jennifer Coleman; and third place, Valerie Guill. For the first time, there was a Little Miss category for eight-year-olds and younger. The winners in this division were first place, Stacey Myrick; second place, Wendy Archer; third place, Latrese Lee. The winners in the Senior Division were first place, Laura Walton; second place, Jane Guill, third place, Laurie Cowan; and fourth place, Karen Stevens.

All of the participants in the County Fashion Revue went to the Five-County Fair and won numerous prizes in the Fashion Revue and for hang-up garments.

This fall there are wool workshops being held at the extension office in preparation for the state Make-it-Yourself-with-Wool contest be held Nov. 22. Those 4-H'ers participating in this contest are Valarie Guill, Martha Haley, Cheryl Wooten, Jennifer Coleman, Jane Guill, Laurie Cowan, Cheryl Walton, and Laura Walton.

The Appomattox Extension Service would like to thank the adult and teen leaders for giving their time and talents to the clothing program in the county. Our program could not be a success without your help.

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